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To: Long-Term Care Facilities  
From: Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH)  
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Re: Information about Influenza and Pneumococcal Vaccine

This packet contains the following documents and resources about influenza and pneumococcal vaccine for the 2008 - 2009 influenza season. Please copy and distribute to your colleagues and staff.

1. Control of Influenza and Pneumococcal Disease in Long-Term Care Facilities 2008 - 2009
2. Sample Adult Vaccine Documentation Record
3. Flu clinic web site flyer (please post in your facility for the benefit of visitors)
4. Cover letter re: Reporting of laboratory-confirmed cases of influenza
5. Rapid Influenza Diagnostic Testing Report Form
6. MDPH Flu: What You Can do – Caring for People at Home materials order form
7. MDPH Flu educational materials order form
8. MDPH Handwashing educational materials order form

Vaccine Information Statements (VISs) for all vaccines and in many different languages are available on-line at [www.immunize.org/vis](http://www.immunize.org/vis).

Singles copies are also available by calling 617-983-6800.

MDPH will issue Flu Updates with information on influenza vaccine availability, recommendations and resources on a regular basis throughout the flu season. For more information, visit the MDPH Flu Website at [www.mass.gov/dph/flu](http://www.mass.gov/dph/flu) and click on *Seasonal Flu*. You can also call MDPH at 617-983-6800 or toll-free at 888-658-2850

The Massachusetts Quality Improvement Organization (Masspro) has provided every long-term care facility with an influenza workbook, Increasing Immunizations in Long-Term Care Facilities. There is a section in the workbook binder for materials from MDPH. We recommend that you place the materials in this packet in the binder behind the tab marked "Department of Public Health".

If you do not have the workbook, it is available on line at [www.masspro.org](http://www.masspro.org), or you can obtain a hard copy by calling Sheryl Knutsen at MassPRO, at 781-419-2749.